### GERMAN EMPEROR HAS POWER TO MAKE PEACE

Bundesrat Described as "Assembly of German Sovereigns, Responsiable to Nothing on Earth."

HAS VETO ON THE REICHSTAG

Bismarck Boasted That He Was Accountable Only to Crown-Electoral Districts Unchanged Since

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, October 20.—President Wilson has informed Germany and the world that the allied enemies of the central powers will make no peace with the autocratic power exercized by the foce for just the energency which now confronts him. The allied enemies of the central powers will make no peace with the autocratic power exercized by the foce for just the energency which now confronts him. The allied which now confronts him and the central powers will make no peace with the autocratic power exercized by the foce for just the energency which now confronts him. The allied which now confronts him the energency with the autocratic power exercized by the foce for just the energency with the autocratic power exercized by the foce for just the energency which now confronts him now confronts him now confronts him and the systems which have been prepared to the allied when the central powers will make no peace with the autocratic power exercized by the foce for just the energency which now confronts him now confron

remation in possession of this government.

The present German empire, consisting of twenty-five states and one imperial territory, Alsace-Lorralne, is a confederation, founded in 1871. The King of Prussia, the most powerful of the German states, is ipso facto Emperor of Germany. He has the power to declare war, with the consent of the Hundesrat, but the will of the Reichstar, need not be consulted. He may declare a defensive war without the consent of even the Bundesrat, however, and since the present reigning house of Germany has always claimed that it engaged in defensive warfare, it has never consulted anybody regarding war

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EMPEROR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

The Emperor is commander-in-chief of the army and navy. He has complete control over all foreign affairs; he makes treaties, subject to certain ill-defined limitations, and, of course, may make peace. He is advised by an Imperial Chancellor, appointed by him, and responsible to no other authority and perial ministry, consisting of various arreading for the Emperor of the American Cabinet the British Ministry, to the Chancellor. The length of the Chancellor of the Chancellor of the Chancellor. The length of the Chancellor of the Chancellor of the Chancellor. The English Ministry, to the Chancellor of the Chancellor of the Chancellor. The length of the Chancellor of the Chancellor of the Chancellor. The length of the Chancellor of the Chancellor of the Chancellor. The length of the Chancellor of the Chance

German legislation originates in this body, and nothing that the Reichstag does is valid until favorably acted upon by the higher body.

The princes of Germany, therefore, have a flat veto upon any and all action which the Reichstag, the one popular assembly of the empire, may take. The Bundesrat is essentially a monarchial institution. Its proceedings are secret, which explains in a measure why little is heard of it in this country.

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BY VOTE OF PEOPLE

The Reichstag is a body of men elected by direct vote of the German people. It-is composed of 397 members, each clected for a term of five years and each voted for by men twenty-five years of sge or older. The powers of this body are in no sense comparable to those of the American House of Representatives, the British House of Commons or the French Chamber of Deputies. In concurrence with the Bundes rat, it has power to make appropriations. Also, its consent is required for the levying of new taxes; but it cannot repeal any existing tax without levying a new one as a substitute.

The Reichstag has no power to make crunmake ministries and can exercise no control whatever over the Kalser. It may reject measures asked for by the government, but this makes little difference to the Chancellor. It was the boast of Bismarck that he was in no sense the servant of the Reichstag is much although the Reichstag is much although the Reichstag is much

Although the Reichstag is much played upon at this time as the representative of the German people, it replications them upon a peculiar basis. The cleatoral districts were laid out in 1871 each having at that time approximately 100,000 pobulation. Since that time there has been no change in these district lines, although there has been a general shift in population. Some members at the present time are elected by a few thousands. A Berlin Deputy represents about 125,000 people, for example, and an East Prussian Deputy represents an average of about 24,000.

REICHSTAG HAS NO CONTROL WHATEVER OVER CROWN

The all-important fact about the German government of to-day is that the one political assembly in the empire has no control whatever over the crown, and its will is subject to the fiat veto of the Bundesrat, representing reigning princes, large and small, voting always behind closed doors. The Bundesrat even has the power to dissolve the Reichstag when it pleases. "The German governing classes, the princes, the bureaucracy agree with Molike," says Professor Hazen, "who said that the real ballot (in Germany) was the cartridge which the German soldier carried in his cartridge box, and that the real representative of the nation was the army."

The kingdom of Prussia is much larger than all the other German states combined. It has a population exceeding 40,000,000 people. It was Prussia that formed the empire, and she did it by blood and steel; and Prussia has arranged a scheme of government that gives her undisputed primacy. The legislature of Prussia is the Landtag, which consists of two chambers, the House of Lords and the House of Representatives. These bodies do little legislating. They generally record the wishes of the sovereign and let it go at that.

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The real truth is, as the President knows, and absevery allied government knows, the power of the Prussian crown is virtually absolute. The legislative bodies of the empire are nothing more or less than debating societies. They may express opinions, but that is about all they can do. And all the fuss Germany has made, and is still making, about that country being the "most demodratic in the world" and "that liberty which is not German is not liberty" is mere buncombe.

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## HUN DEFENSE LINES RESEMBLE HUGE TREE BERLIN'S MEAT SUPPLY

Allied World Is Now Studying Maps to Determine How Far the Present German Retirement May Be Expected to Continue.

ON EAST BANK OF MEUSE.

The second line, known as the line of the Meuse, is established on the east bank of the Meuse liver, north-ward from Dun. It passes Sedan and Mezieres and enters Belgium just to the southwest of Dinant. At Namur it leaves the river and runs to Brussels, continuing on to Antwerp, where it joins the "Hunding line" and continues on the Dutch frontier.

The third line is the original defense.

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The third line is the original defense zone along the German frontier. South of Metz, it is centered around the thirty-seven permanent forts about Strassburg. It runs over the high and precipitous hills on the Vosges Mountains, and is several miles deep.

At Metz the Germans have constructed twenty-eight great forts, which are so located as to command all approaches and, at the same time capable of concentrating their fire on any one fort which happens to be entered by the allies. Northwest of Metz is the great fron field of Briey. The importance of this iron deposit has compelled the Germans to convert the whole country there into a veritable

Inquest on Engineer Nelson.

Coroner Crockford and a jury held an inquest yesterday on the body of Engineer Richard N. Nelson, who was fatally injured in an accident Tuesday night on the Norfoik and Western Railway tracks near Camp Lee. The jury's verdict was that death was caused from shock and heart fallure and a ruptured spleen in an accident caused by a collision of his engine with a runaway train.

Notes of Interest.

J. Tyler Elliss, who was training for the service at Camp Lee, was this week commissioned a second lieutenant in the engineers' corps in France. The parents of the young officer live at Shawsville. Snawsville.

Carter Hall, an attorney, formerly of Petersburg, now at Washington, has received his appointment as major in the judge advocate department of the United States Army.

London Experiment Proven Profitable to Extent of 70 Per Cent. LONDON, October 20.—The national restaurant here, which was established to expose the profiteers, is not only self-supporting, but is making a good profit, according to Alderman C. F. Spencer, its director. Caterers had charged that the enterprise was able to supply good food at reasonable prices only because it had government aid.

#### TELEGRAPH SCHOOLS

Itulian Wounded Will Be Trained to Fill Positions Under Government.

Government.

NEW YORK, October 20.—Government offices in Italy are setting aside a certain percentage of the positions available in their departments for incapacitated soldiers. Schools are being established to ualify applicants, so that the efficiency of the offices will be maintained. The most recent school to be established is under the supervision of the ministry of the postal and telegraph offices. All the branches of the postal and telegraph services will be taught.

The program of the telegraph and postal ministry includes certain privileges to be extended to the incapacitated. They will be eligible to minor positions without passing the examinations required from ordinary civilians, and in more important positions perference will be given to them in all appointments, provided they pass the examinations.

NEW YORK, October 20.—German newspapers received here generally attibute the success of the allied offensive to the employment of huge numbers of "tanks."

You will be doing a real service to patriotic war workers to rent that spare room in your home, and return from the rent will help to reduce your household expenses. A Times-Dispatch Want Ad will get the right

NEW YORK, October 20.—Events of the past three months, involving the ebb of the German tide of invasion in France and Belgium, have emphasized the importance of the German defensive systems which have been prepared by the foe for just the emergency which now confronts him. The allied world is now studying the war maps to determine how far the present German retirement may be expected to continue and what the entente armies may expect when they reach the front where the Germans will stand at bay.

The German defense lines resemble a tree with three main branches. The trunk of this "tree" has its root at the Swiss frontier and continues north as far as Metz, where it divides into two branches. The westerly branch runs to the northwest as far as the Meuse River, where it separates, one "limb" crossing the Meuse and running westward, after which it sweeps to the north on a long curve. The other follows the Meuse down as far as Namur, whence it runs to Brussels and Antwern and there is the Duise of the first class; Cologne, which is protected by a broad belt of intrenchming along the western side of the Rilne until that river passes into Holland.

MAY FORCE ENEMY TO
FALL BACK INTO GERMANY
Should the three lines mentioned be broken, or if the allies should break through between Metz and the Swiss frontier, the Germans would be compelled to fall back into Germany proper or to the south, to cross the Rhine. This historic river is really the western most of the Teutonic castle. Its whole castern bank is strongly fortified, and would be capable of a protracted defense if resistance begins at Lahr and runs down the Rhine through Offenburg. Rastatt, where American prisoners of war are quartered; Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Darmstadt, Wiesbaden, Bendorff, Kalk, Densburg and Wesel.

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In their retirement from their present positions the Germans will be able to shorten their lines materially, and thus increase the number of men available for resistance along their new front. The Hunding line is about seventy miles shorter than the Hindenburg system, which is now but a memory. The line of the Meuse would shorten the front by twenty miles more, while the Germans, if they should retire to their own frontier would be able to still shorten their front by thirty-five miles.

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This shortening of the line will be of tremendous importance in future operations by the ailles. It would make up, to a large degree, for the heavy losses inflicted upon the Germans during the campaign of the past summer and give them nan power that would be a formidable barrier to an ailled advance.

The Meuse, the Aisne and the Scheldt Rivers and the canals in Belgium in the vicinity of Brussels and Antwerp will be also valuable adjuncts to the conduct of defensive fighting by the Germans. With the development of the tank as an offensive weapon, a river is a first defense line adds tremendously to the strength of a position.

#### WHOLESALE SLAUGHTERS OCCUR IN RUSSIAN PARK

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Sends Much Guavo Paste and Jelly to

Sends Much Guave Paste and Jelly to Soldiers Fighting in France.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, October 20.

Thousands of pounds of Porto Rico's favorite "dulce," guave paste and jelly, and thousands of Porto Rico cigarettes will be sent from the island by the Red Cross to the soldiers on the fighting line in France. A campaign for contributions has already begun.

Last year, the Porto Rico Chapter sent 25,000 pounds of paste and jelly to France. A committee on tobacco has been or-ganized to get together material to manufacture smokes for the soldiers.

Posto Rico's Quota.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO. October 20.—Porto Rico's quota for the fourth Liberty loan has been fixed at \$4,000,000. For the third Liberty loan, Porto Rico subscribed a little less the \$5,000,000 subscribed for the first three loans.

## RABBIT CROP HELPS (Furnished by U. S. Wenther Bureau.) (Federal Summer Time Used.)

Prices of Foodstuffs So High Large Income Needed to Keep One From Starying.

RATIONS ARE VERY LIMITED

Leading Store Wanted \$35 for Goose and \$3 a Pound for Chicken. Food Conditions Somewhat Better at Capital This Year Than Last.

BY ALFRED G. ANDERSEN. (Copyright, 1918, by Star Company.) On my very first day in Berlin I discovered that to prevent starvation a man must have the income of a bank president.

Only the independently wealthy, highly skilled mechanics and ammunition workers had a chance to live in moderate comfort. At Martin's market in Bayerische Platz, one of the largest establishments of its kind in Berlin, I was asked 140 marks for a goose. This is \$35 American money. They wanted 12 marks (\$3) a pound for chicken.

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A large grocery store on Leipsigerstrasse quoted me a price of 40 marks
a pound for unadulterated tea and 45
marks a pound for chocolate. Moreover, they stated that nowhere else in
the city could unadulterated articles
of this kind be obtained at any pripe.
Diligent inquiry on my part seemed
to indicate that they were telling the
truth. to indicate that they were telling the truth.

One sausage very popular in Berlin is made of goat and rabbit meat. It was offered me in several meat markets at 10 marks (\$2.50) per pound. During my visit the following weekly rations were allowed each person in Berlin when they could get them:

Bread, two pounds; butter, one-seventh of a pound; "red" meat, one-half pound; potatoes, seven pounds; sugar, two-thirds of a pound; eggs, three (not three pounds, just three eggs). Sugar and butter might as well have been climinated from the list, for at only one of the many stpres where I called could either of these articles be had at all. This was at Martin's.

Other food products, such as fish, poultry, tea and coffee substitutes, vegetables, fruits and sour war marmaiade, are purchased in the open market where one could find them without food cards. But unrationed food was very expensive.

PRICES CHEAP ENOUGH.

BUT YOU COULDN'T BUY

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At Martin's market the following prices were quoted: Butter, 50 cents a pound; marmalade, 20 cents a pound; potatoes, 5 cents a pound; granulated sugar, 6 cents a pound; eggs, 8 cents each, and pickled herrings (a very popular dish in Berlin), 60 cents a gound. pound. War bread was 5 cents a pound at War bread was 5 cents a pound at all bakers.

In actual practice butter could only be obtained from the hated food profiteers. For instance, I had luncheon at the home of a prominent Swiss physician, who at the table jubilantly announced that he had succeeded in coralling several pounds of butter at 16 marks (\$4) a pound. Although quite serious, I was told that the food situation in Berlin was really better this year than last.

"Tast year we had to make all sorts of dishes out of carrots and turning," a chef at the Kaiser Hotel told me. "The whole nation lived almost exclusively on carrots, petatees and turnips. Berlin was desperate. Food riots occurred every day. But that did not help the situation any. There was nothing to give them. Many rioters demanded peace. The police and military answered the cry with their swords."

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All the inhabitants capable of working, the order says, must be used for the needs of the army, regardless of their age. Their "salaries" are to be paid in apper currency at the rate of 50 cents a da," as the maximum for much. 40 cents for men and women between the ages of seventeen and twenty and thirty cents for boys from fifteen to seventeen.

The inhabitants, however, must pay in French gold or silver for their rations. The supplies, of course, were taken from the population before being sold back to them.

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### SWIFTS IN ARGENTINA

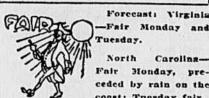
American Packing Concern Authorized to Do Investment and Banking Business.

WASHINGTON, October 20.—A banking and investment company has been formed in Argentina by the Swift Packing House interests, which will introduce American methods of financing cattlemen.

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#### FOOD PRICE HIGH

Eggs at 50 Cents Each and Milk \$1.70 h Pint in Russian.

PARIS, October 19.—Food prices in Petrograd and Moscow are the highest ever recorded there, according to letters received here by the father of two French women now in Russia. Boots cost \$160 a pair and a man's suit \$240. The clothing and shoe crisis was said to be "terrible."

These French women said they were paying 50 cents for one egg, \$1.70 for a pint of milk; \$4 for a pound of meat; \$10 a pound for butter; \$160 a pound for joiatoes and \$2 a pound for rish. The Russian pound, it must be remembered, is about one-fifth less than the American pound avoirdupois.

Russian Pretender Aboard.

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AMSTERDAM, October 20.—Bearing a remarkable likeness to the late Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, a pretender who claims to have escaped from Bolshevik bondage and to be the former Emperor, is reported trying to bribe peasants in the Vladimir district of Russia to revolt against the Soviet government, according to the Vetshernaya Ogni, a Petrograd newspaper. The imposter is said to have abundance of money and to have claimed he was seeking a refuge among his "faithful seeking a refuge among his "faithful peasants."

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## MANY U-BOATS WRECKED BARBARITY OF HUNS DURING THREE MONTHS

Forecast: Virginia Reports for June, July and August Correspondents of English Papers Are Completed at American Naval Base.

Percentage of Losses on the Atlantic Eight Thousand Young Women Route Since Convoy System Began May 25 Is Less Than That of Any Other Route.

AMERICAN NAVAL BASE, FRANCE. October 20.—The record of submarine activity for the three months, June, orable to the submarines, is now practically made up, and shows two high-

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## DISTURBANCE BY SAILORS

Business Section of Portsmouth Scene of Exciting Time, in Which Shots Are Fired.

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[By Associated Press.]

NORFOLK, VA., October 20.—Three companies of marines were called from the garrison in the Norfolk Navy-Yard late last night to aid the police in Fortsmouth in quelling a disturbance created by 150 or more sailors when they invaded the uptown business-district of the city with an American flag, demanding that pedestrians uncover and salute it. Pistol shots were fired by negroes, some of whom were rather roughly handled, and bottles and other missiles were hurled. One sailor was taken unconscious to the naval hospital for treatment of wound on his head. Several negroes were slightly, but not seriously, hurt.

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LGNDON. October 20 .- Correspondents of British newspapers who en-tered Lille with the allied troops have telegraphed revolting details of the treatment to which British prisoners of war were subjected in that city. Rev.

Unity for Poland Demanded.

NEW YORK, October 20.—Polish members of the Austrian Reichsrath have demanded unity for Poland and free access to the sea, according to a cablegram received yesterday by the Polish national committee of the United States.

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